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TITLE OF INVENTION: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE OF APPLICATION SERVER APPLICATIONS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 578 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 578 day(s).

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	DUSTIN NGUYEN	2454	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/08/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 4-14, 17, 19-21 and 24, now renumbered as 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

/DUSTIN NGUYEN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2454

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/08/2009 has been entered.

2. The drawing(s) filed on 06/02/2005 is/are accepted by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicants attorney, Mr. Peter Elyjiw, on 09/30/2009.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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2. (currently amended) A method of enabling use of an application server application by a wireless communication device, the method comprising:

at a transaction server having two alternative modes of execution, the first mode being a clustered mode wherein the transaction server is scaled across multiple machines, the second mode being a non-clustered mode wherein the transaction server runs on a single machine:

on receipt of a given message from said wireless communication device for said application on said application server, queuing said given message on a queue for said application;

subsequent to said queuing, pushing said given message, and each message queued on said queue, toward a destination for said application of said application server, wherein said pushing comprises, for each message on said queue, dequeuing said each message from said queue and pushing said each message;

prior to said dequeuing and pushing, acquiring, via a locking mechanism, a lock for said destination on said application server, said lock preventing other use of said destination,

~~wherein a location of the locking mechanism is dependent upon whether said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode or said non-clustered mode~~ if said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object on one of said multiple machines, said one machine being remote from a machine upon which said queuing and said pushing are performed, said one machine providing an interface to be used as a central lock provider by each of said multiple machines; and

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wherein, if said transaction server is executing in said non-clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object that is local to the single machine on which said transaction server runs.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 2 wherein said acquiring a lock comprises sending a lock request to said central lock provider.

17. (currently amended) A transaction server enabling use of at least one application server application by a wireless communication device, said transaction server having two alternative modes of execution, the first mode being a clustered mode wherein the transaction server is scaled across multiple machines, the second mode being a non-clustered mode wherein the transaction server runs on a single machine, the transaction server comprising:

a memory storing at least one queue, with one queue being provided for each of said at least one application on said application server;

a processor for, on receipt of a given message from said wireless communication device for a given application on said application server:

queuing said given message on a queue for said application;

subsequent to said queuing, pushing said given message, and each message queued on said queue, toward a destination for said application of said application server, wherein said pushing by said processor comprises, for each message on said queue, dequeuing said each message from said queue and pushing said each message;

prior to said dequeuing and pushing, acquiring, via a locking mechanism, a lock for said destination on said application server, said lock preventing other use of said destination,

~~wherein a location of the locking mechanism is dependent upon whether said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode or said non-clustered mode~~ if said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object on one of said multiple machines, said one machine being remote from a machine upon which said queuing and said pushing are performed, said one machine providing an interface to be used as a central lock provider by each of said multiple machines; and

wherein, if said transaction server is executing in said non-clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object that is local to the single machine on which said transaction server runs.

21. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing computer executable instructions for enabling use of an application server application by a wireless communication device, said computer executable instructions, when controlling a processor of a server, causing said server to:

effect one of two alternative modes of execution of a transaction server, the first mode being a clustered mode wherein the transaction server is scaled across multiple machines including said server, the second mode being a non-clustered mode wherein the transaction server runs on a single machine that is said server;

on receipt of a given message from said wireless communication device for said application on said application server, queue said given message on a queue for said application;

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subsequent to said queuing, push said given message, and each message queued on said queue, toward a destination for said application of said application server, wherein said pushing comprises, for each message on said queue, dequeuing said each message from said queue and pushing said each message;

prior to said dequeuing and pushing, acquiring, via a locking mechanism, a lock for said destination on said application server, said lock preventing other use of said destination, wherein ~~a location of the locking mechanism is dependent upon whether said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode or said non-clustered mode~~ if said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object on one of said multiple machines, said one machine being remote from a machine upon which said queuing and said pushing are performed, said one machine providing an interface to be used as a central lock provider by each of said multiple machines; and

wherein, if said transaction server is executing in said non-clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object that is local to the single machine on which said transaction server runs.

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

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24. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~2 wherein said locking mechanism provides locks for multiple application server applications.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant' arguments were persuasive, and the prior art, individual or in combination, fails to teach of suggest a method, system and program product for enabling use of an application server application by a wireless communication device, the method comprising: at a transaction server having two alternative modes of execution, the first mode being a clustered mode wherein the transaction server is scaled across multiple machines, the second mode being a non-clustered mode wherein the transaction server runs on a single machine: on receipt of a given message from said wireless communication device for said application on said application server, queuing said given message on a queue for said application; subsequent to said queuing, pushing said given message, and each message queued on said queue, toward a destination for said application of said application server, wherein said pushing comprises, for each message on said queue, dequeuing said each message from said queue and pushing said each message; prior to said dequeuing and pushing, acquiring, via a locking mechanism, a lock for said destination on said application server, said lock preventing other use of said destination, wherein if said transaction server is executing in said clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object on one of said multiple machines, said one machine being remote from a machine upon which said queuing and said pushing are performed, said one machine providing an interface to be used as a

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central lock provider by each of said multiple machines; and wherein, if said transaction server is executing in said non-clustered mode, said locking mechanism comprises a lock object that is local to the single machine on which said transaction server runs (Figures 3, 11a, 11b; and specification pages 8, 9, 16, 17, 19, and 27).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DUSTIN NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1519. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/DUSTIN NGUYEN/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2454